Chairman of the Senate Committee Gives Assurance of His Willingness to Advocate a Greater Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .-- (Special Telegram.)-Chairman Dingley of the house ways and means committee, after an extended conference with President Wattles of the Transmississippi and International Exposition association, has set apart Monday morning for a hearing on the senate bill. This result has not been accomplished without considerable hard work on the part of Messrs. Wattles and Mercer, who have rounded up matters to such an extent that a favorable result is almost certain. Before holding his conference with Chairman Dingley the president of the exposition had a long conference with Chairman Allison of the senate appropriations committee, to whom he explained in minute detail the plans and purposes of the exposition. He showed Mr. Allison that \$250,000 would have to be appropriated by the United States before the exposition could realize any portion of the \$10,000 appropriated by the Iowa legislature for preliminary work on the Iowa This was news to the senior sen ator from lows, who had no conception of the magnitude which the exposition is assuming. After going over the subject very fully Mr. Allison gave Mr. Wattles assur-

priated for buildings and \$175,000 for the government exhibit and expenses attaching This strong show of friendliness on the part of Senator Allison for the bill acted as tonic upon the spirits of President tles, who for a time was at a loss to know just exactly what was best to be done in view of the complicated situation. After this conference with Allison it was comparatively easy to make headway with Chairman Dingley, who finally agreed to make the senate exposition bill a special order before the committee for Monday morning. President Wattles will go before the full committee on that occasion, and will put before it the plan and scope of the enterprise, which is broader and more comprehensive than the Atlanta exposition. He will fortify himself with the Iowa bill appropriating the amount above named and considerable other material for which he has telegraphed. Chairman Ding-ley is not averse, according to Wattles, to increasing the appropriation carried by the He still holds out, however, stipulated amount to be raised by the people of Omalia and the west before the govern-ment appropriation becomes available, and it is thought \$250,000 will be named as the oum to be raised by the exposition association, to be passed upon by the secretary of the treasury. Thus the atmosphere has cleared considerably in the last twenty-four hours regarding the fate of the exposition bill. President Wattles tonight is more

Nebraska will be represented in Washington next week by a number of its strongest lawyers. John M. Woolworth will be here for the Omaha bridge cases will be reached Ex-Senator Manderson will also here to argue the sugar bounty cases, for the appellants; J. M. Woolworth files an- the balance due upon it. for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, he having as his associates M. A. Low and Robert Mather, while George R. Peck and Burton Hanson have presented a brief for the Milwaukee. By agreement of counsel, both cases will be argued and submitted as one.

day and at once to put his shoulder to the

Captain John L. Tiernan, Twenty-third ar-tillery, and Philip G. Wales, assistant sur-geon, are detailed as members of examining board, convened at Fort Monroe, Va. Leave of absence for two months is granted

Captain Thomas G. Townsend, Sixth infantry, The secretary of war today notified Con-gresoman Perkins of Iowa that the military cadet from the Ele, with district will graduate in June, 1897, and asked him to name successor. Perkins has sent notice that

May 29 next. NO ACTION ON RECIPROCITY.

Republicans on the Ways and Means Committee Decide Adversely.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- No action toward a revival of the reciprocity scheme will be taken by the house, according to a decision made today by the republican members of the ways and means committee, who held a caucus today and discussed the whole question. They agreed to report to the ouse the testimony on the reciprocity policy taken by the committee during the past few days, but not to recommend any legislation on the matter by this congress. The re-ciprocity scheme includes so many problems interwoven with the tariff, that the republicans think it inadvisable to take it up until a general tariff revision is begun.

Taken to the Supreme Court. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The district court of appeals today allowed the writ of error to the United States supreme court asked for by counsel for Elverton R. Chapman, the New York stock broker, convicted for having refused to answer questions pro pounded by the senate sugar trust investigating committee. The case probably will be heard by the supreme court next term, as a motion to advance it on the docket will

Renewal of an Old Fight. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The senate committee on commerce, which has the river and harbor bill under consideration, devoted today to hearing arguments upon the renear Los Angeles, Cal.

HOUSE REJECTS THE WAR CLAIMS. Poor Prospects for this Class of Mensures this Session.

in the house today was the passage of four pension bills, one to pension the widow of Rear Admiral Foote, at \$50 per month; the ALLISON'S INTEREST JUST AROUSED rejection of a bill to retire a hospital steward CAME FROM AN UNEXPECTED SOURCE as a second lieutenant of cavalry and the passage of a war claim of less than \$600. The latter was the first war claim brought before the house for consideration and naturally provoked a general debate on the policy of paying war claims. It drew from Mr Mahon, chairman of the war claims mittee, Mr. Walker, Mr. McCall and Evans eloquent pleas for the payment of the findings of the court of claims. Mr. Mahoa argued that these claims should be paid or the court abolished. Barring the cotton claims, he asserted, that \$20,000,000 would pay them, while Mr. Ray thought \$600,-000,000 would not meet them. Politics of course was injected into the debate before It was finished and there was a lively sett between Mr. Dockery and Mr. Grosvenor.

Mr. Dockery culogized Speaker Crisp, and Mr. Sayers, the chairman of the appropritions committee in the last congress, paid a high tribute to Speaker Reed. "I want to say here in his presence," said he, "that I honor the present speaker, Thomas B. Reed." (Applause.) "He stood like a lion in the path of members on both sides of the political aisles who have been pressing bills carrying large sums."
Mr. Grosvernor ridiculed Mr. Dockery for "attempting to vindicate the history and ca-

Mr

reer of the democratic party. He said the real question at issue now was not the honesty of these claims, but the ability of the government to pay them at this time."
"You are," said he, addressing the demo cratic side. "paralyzed by your own utter inefficiency." The great feature of the administration of Grover Cleveland—the only feature that will save him from future con-turnely—is that when the bill to repeal the great revenue producing, industry-propagat-

ng tariff law was presented to him, he said. 'My name shall never disgrace its pages." ance that he would favor an amendment increasing the amount of the appropriation to \$250,000, suggesting that \$75,000 be appro-"You," he continued, "are attempting to place in contrast an administration that paid \$250,000,000 of the public debt with the one hat borrowed \$260,000,000 and now trembles each day lest the telegraph brings the news that the gold so borrowed is drifting across the water." (Applause.)

At 5 o'clock the house took a recess until o'clock, the evening session to be deoted to private pension boills. The question of granting to officers' widws larger pensions than private soldiers was discussed in the house tonight for two hours, in connection with a bill to pension the widow of Brigadier General Ferdinand Vanderveer of Ohio at the rate of \$75 per month. The bill was finally favorably acted

pon, with an amendment making the rate \$50 per month. HANCOCK STATUE TO BE UNVEILED.

Ceremony Will Be the Occasion of an Imposing Demonstration. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- Colonel William

I. Wilson, corps of engineers, who has the matter in charge as the personal representative of Secretary Lamont, is making arrangements for the dedication of the equestrian statue of General Hancock in this city about the middle of next month. The statue is entirely completed, and was placed in posi-tion on its granite pedestal in the reservation it the intersection of Pennsylvania and Sevnth street yesterday.

The statue is enveloped in a canvas cover-

hopeful than at any time during his visit ing that will not be permanently removed until the day set spart for its formal openng. It will be temporarily removed in a few days, however, long enough to permit inspection of the statue by the national commission charged with its erection. The com-mission consists of Secretary Lamont and Senators Mills of Texas and Cockrell of Missouri. Their inspection is for and there will be several lesser legal lights of seeing that the sculptor, Mr. Ellicott, has present who will have business before the executed his work in strict accordance with supreme court and departments. Three his contract with the government. This briefs have been filed in the Omaha bridge action is preliminary to the formal accases, John F. Dillon and John M. Thurston ceptance of the statue and the payment of

Colonel Wilson says that the arrangements for the dedication have not yet been fully completed, although it had been practically decided that the ceremony should take place between the 10th and 15th of May. It is settled that the dedication will be made the occasion of a most imposing military demon A general court martial is appointed to meet at West Point tomorrow for the trial of prisoners. Captain William F. Spurgin, Twenty-first infantry, is president of the local posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Veteran legion and the second Army corps will participate.

> FIRST MEN TO ANSWER THE CALL. President Cleveland Receives the Na-

tion's First Defenders. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- By special arargement, President Cleveland received the visiting First Defenders of the Nation today. The reception took place in the east room the examination will be held at Cherokee on and was confined to the veterans who had responded so promptly to the first call for troops for the defense of the capital. Judge F. P. Deweese of the Washington bar, representing the local citizens' committee of reception, made a short address to the presi-dent in behalf of the old soldiers. He said that the 130 men who were with him constituted nearly all the survivors of that noble band of 530 soldiers who were the

first to respond the the president's call for ticops at the very outbreak of the war. President Cleveland said he was very glad of the opportunity to welcome veterans with a record so worthy as theirs and felicitate them on being able to leave the memory of such a record to posterity. There were duties in time of peace as well as in time of war and the country could confidently expect men with records such as theirs had been would do their duty equally well in time of peace. In closing he said he would be pleased to take each of them by the hand. The Defenders were then individ-ually introduced to the president and each received a cordial greeting.

Oklahoma to Have Greer County, WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Lacey bill for the reorganization of Greer county, claimed by both Oklahoma and Texas, and which was the subject of a recent decision by the supreme court, was favorably acted the house judiciary committee today. The bill organizes the county as Greer county, Oklahoma, with Mangum as the county seat, and authorizes the governor of Oklahoma to appoint the usual county officers. It provides for the transfer of public buildings and records, and establishes the status of cases before the courts, also spective merits of San Pedro and Santa providing that acts of the courts while the send for Tom, Dick and Harry all over the country was considered a part of Texas be country.

Mr. Allen said he had seen Collis P. Hunt-

ANTICIPATED SENSATION

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The net result of five hours work on the private calendar Senate Galleries Crowded to Hear Senator Hill Complete His Speech.

Senators Allen and Genr Indulge I a Lively Tilt Over the Introduction of the Pacific Railroad Funding Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 17.-The debate or the bond resolution proceeded today, Mr Hill continuing his speech in opposition which is not yet completed. Mr. Hoar supported the proposed bond investigation. The debate is proving attractive to the public, the galleries being crowded throughout the day

An exciting episode occurred late in the day concerning Pacific railroad affairs. Mr. Gear, chairman of the Pacific railroad committee presented a bill proposing an adjustment of the railroad debt. This led Mr Allen to criticise the committee for alleged partiality to "Collis P. Huntington and his lobby." A bitter personal altercation between Mr. Gear and Mr. Allen followed, during which Mr. Allen declared that Mr. Gear had uttered a "falsehood" concerning General Weaver of Iowa.

Mr. Hoar called Mr. Allen to order and demanded that his words be taken down. Mr. Allen was obliged to take his seat, but on motion by Mr. Faulkner was allowed to proceed in order.

To avoid a struggle for precedence the senate, on motion of Mr. Cannon, took up the resolution directing the secretary of the in-terior to open the Uncompangre Indian reservation without further delay, the understanding being that the bond investigation resolution should come up at 2 o'clock as unfinished business. After Mr. Brown had spoken for the reso

lution he sought to secure a vote, but Mr. Gorman asked that action be deferred, owing to the absence of Mr. Vilas, who desired to be heard. This brought on a warm colloquy. Mr. Aldrich said it must be clear that there "something behind" these efforts at delay and this persistence in putting of

Mr. Gorman responded that it was the first intimation coming from a distinguished senator on the other side of the chamber that delays in public business were occurring. "We surrendered control as gracefully a possible to the other side," said Mr. Gor man, "and we had hoped business would be pushed along. We have observed with won der that the senators in control have not mapped out some well defined policy."

Mr. Wolcott protested against making the resolution "the foot ball of party s." It had dragged for three weeks, politics. when it ought not to have taken two hours.
"The senator understands, and the country understands," said Mr. Aldrich, in responce to Mr. Gorman, "that neither of the great parties has a majority in the senate."

Mr. Gorman inelated that the control of committees gave control of the senate. "Does that control permit a tariff bill to be brought in and passed here?" asked Mr. Chandler, but Mr. Gorman parried the ques-

Mr. Vilas then proceeded with a speech opposing the Utah resolution. HILL RESUMES HIS SPEECH.

At 2 o'clock the bond resolution was brought up and Mr. Hill resumed his speech in opposition. The galleries were crowded in anticipation of a renewal of the sensational features developed in the first installment of Mr. Hill's speech. He had before him several volumes, including Secator Sherman's nemoirs. Before Mr. Hill had arisen to his feet Mr

Waithall moved that when the senate ad-journed it be until Monday and, despite op-position, it was carried, 35 to 28. Referring to the Wison bill, Mr. Hill said he had cought to change some of the ex-treme features of that measure. It passed, however, as the great measure of tariff re-form. "That bill," he went on, "as conceded by its friends and enemies, does not produce enough revenue to meet the ex-penses of the government. I wish my party had framed a bill so fair, so reasonable, so conservative that no question could have been raised to its producing sufficient revehad not prevailed then, as they are trying to

prevail now.' Mr. Hill declared that with revenues insufficient to meet government expenses bonds were imperative. Certainly, then, the democratic party should at least defend the course of the president and the secretary of the treasury in issuing bonds. It was not for the democratic party to join in the political assaults of populist and republican senators against bond issues.

When at one point Mr. Hill was interrupted by the remark of Mr. Allen that the democratic party was dead, the New York senator paid a glowing tribute to his party, declaring that it would live on to uphold its principles regardless of the action of a few misguided men. The senator declared that if this investigation was made the administration would emerge from it without a stain and to the discomfiture of those who voted for the investigation. He spoke of Secretary Carlisle's conspicuous ability. The secretary had argued the question fairly from his standpoint. He had never descended to abuse of the silver men. His recent great speech at Chicago had no abuse for those against him

"Are the friends of silver to answer that great speech with an offensive resolution having 'dishonesty' written on its face?" Speaking of President Cleveland's message oncerning bonds, Mr. Hill said it was made ecessary by a congress which spent its tin making speeches against syndicates while refusing to pass laws to end those syndi-

CUT SHORT FOR THE DAY. Mr. Hill yielded for the introduction of a bill, which, however, led to an animated side debate and closed Mr. Hill's remarks for

the day. Gear, chairman of the committe on Pacific roads, presented a committee sub-situte for all bills proposing a settlement of the Pacific railroad debts. Mr. Allen thereupon called attention to the notorious fact that Collis P. Huntaigton and his lobby had been here to influence legislation, yet no invitation had been sent to the patrons of the roads.

Mr. Gear hotly rejoined that the senator (Allen) had no right to impugn the motives of the committee or himself, its chairman. It was not necessary the committee should

PEN PICTURES PLEASANTLY AND POINTEDLY PUT.



ARE YOU MUSICAL! ...

Do you want a harmonica-a trombone-a fiddle-a jewsharp-or a pianoyou certainly know by this time there's but one place in the whole west to get it and get it right. We are wholeas well as the nomes with music and art. Where else do you think you can



WHEN IT GETS WARM_ A CHARLES AND A

You'll be making a dash for our store to get on some medium weight underwear-you've been backward-not sold half as much as we would like-see how salers as well as retailers—one case of this proposition strikes you—we cut and the kind west of Chicago—that's why we cut hard a lot of \$2.00 and \$3.00 a suit do the old folks—don't have to buy a have to carry such an immense line-supply almost every music department natural grays and tans-to 50c a garnatural grays and tans-to 50c a garment-possibly we may not have your half as much-on Saturdays-the solidget an Eastern made plano for \$175— size—for some of the sizes are gone—\$15.00 down and \$8.00 a month.



REGULAR BOY ACT_

That's what we are making of our Saturdays-we won't sell our \$1.75 boys' shoes during the week for a cent less than \$1.75-but on Saturday we put it down to \$1.00-just to see how the boys pair more than about half as oftenand they don't cost more than about est, best made boys' shoe ever made-

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over the committee, Mr. Gear, with flushed face, said he would not suggest whether the Nebraskan repre-sented or misrepresented the great state of Ne. braska. He had known him for thirty years and knew the sort of political affiliations he

was used to This brought Mr. Allen forward in an explanation of his party affiliations. He had voted for Lincoln and Grant. When Mr. Allen spoke of his voting in 1892 for eneral Weaver for president a sensational episode

was precipitated. Mr. Gear interrupted to state General Weaver stood for the confiscation of railroad property, the telegraph and telephone and the issuance of paper to pay for it.

Mr. Allen responded with a glowing eulogy

of General Weaver; whereupon Mr. broke out in a loud; laugh and retreated to the cloak rooms. Mr. Allen protested against this rude "guffaw," declaring that while brought up among the coyotes he was taught better manners than that.

ACCUSATIONS OF FALSEHOOD. "And the senator cannot stand up here and utter falsehoods and go unwhipped, eded Mr. Allen. Mr. Hoar immediately interrupted, calling

Mr. Allen to order and demanding that his words be taken down. Mr. Allen was compelled to take his seat. pending a determination of the protest, Few senators being present, Mr. Hoar asked a call for a quorum, which brought fifty-five serators to the chamber. The president pro tem, Mr. Frye, directed that the objection-Mr. Faulkner moved that Mr. Allen be

allowed to proceed in order.
On a viva voce vote there appeared to be a tie, but on a second vote the affirmative vote, mainly from the democratic side, pre Mr. Gear rose to say that he took no ex

ception to Mr. Allen, although be regretted the altercation, feeling that it was "impos-sible to touch pitch without being defiled." Mr. Allen rejoined that he was surprised at being able to defile a senator who had seen so much of the world. He also sarcastically expressed thanks to Mr. Hear fo keeping a watchful eye on him to see that he did no wrong. He again spoke highly of General Weaver and again protested against the laughter of senators. "Let me assure the senator." said Mr Chandler, "that we are not laughing at what he says, but the way he says it."

This closed the incident and Mr. Hoar spoke briefly in support of the bond resolu-tions. He said the bond transactions were properly subject to investigation. ruption or iniquity was charged against govrament officials. Peffer interrupted to state that no

dishonorable motives were imputed to the president or the secretary of the treasury, but he believed the bond transactions had fraud all over them in New York City and Mr. Hoar went on to review the several bond issues, stating the various points of irregularity which he believed to exist. H

particularly objected to the use of bonds to raise money to be used to meet current expenses. Among the minor bills passed was ending the Carey act in reference to add And then, at 5:40 p. m., the senate

adjourned until Monday. HAVE MISSIONARIES IN JAIL Georgia Members of Congress Greatly

Interested in the Case. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The State department has received a brief cable message from Consul General Williams at Havana, innouncing the airest of Projectant Missio, ary Alberto Jesus Diaz, who is well known throughout the south and to many church people in all parts of the United States. Diaz is a naturalized American citizen and of strong Cuban sympathies, but his friends insist that his work in Cuba has been confined to proselyting for the church and deny participation in the rebellion on his part. The message from Consul General Williams contained no details.

The case will be closely followed up by

the representatives of the United States, wh will take the customary steps to protect the interests of an American citizen. The consul general will insist on a civil trial should the matter ign to the length of a trial. It may be that his release can be obtained without the necessity of a trial, but on this point nothing can be said in advance of an investigation, which Mr. Williams will make into the circumstances leading up to the arrest. The Georgia members of congress were

leeply interested in the news from Havana alized citizens of the United States, and missionaries, charged with aiding the insurgents. They say Alberta Diaz is a misplonary of high standing, and bas been supported for several years by the Baptist con-ference of Georgia. Representatives Biack and Moses, who are members of that church, are personally acquainted with Diaz. Mr. Moses, in speaking of the case, said: 'Diaz is a man with a wonderful history. not know that Diaz was vaturalized. ably he secured his papers in New York. He visited Georgia every year. I have understood that while his sympathies were with the insurgents, he was taking no part in the work of the rebillion. He has done much to relieve distress since the beginning

Congress of Religious Education. WASHINGTON, April 17.- The first national congress of religious education unde the auspiess of the American society devoted to that cause will be held in this city be ginning Monday evening next and continuing until Thursday afternion. Associated with the officers of the society in the call for the congress is a committee representing seven of the leading denominations, including, be of the leading denominations, including, be-sides prominent pasters, Justice Brown of the supreme court, Hon. H. A. Herbert, sec-retary of the navy, and J. M. L. Curry, ex-minister to Spain.

There will be ten sessions of the con-

gress, at which General John Eaton, ex-United States commissioner of education, and Dr. J. M. Gregory, ex-president of the Illi-nois State Industrial university, will preside The list of speakers includes the names of aixty well known educators and men in public life. There are Senator Thurston of Ne braska, Edwin Willets and C. W. Dabney, respectively ex-assistant and assistant secretary of agriculture: Rev. 3. E. Beiler, vic chancellor of the American university, and

The theme for the first meeting, "Religious Education and National Prosperity," will be discussed by Senator Thurson, Rev. J. E. Grammar, Baltimore, and Rev. W. H. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the senate.

Patenting of Railroad Lands. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- Senator Warren of Wyoming today introduced a concurrent resolution instructing the secretary of the interior to resume the patenting of lands to the Union Pacific Railroad company. It recites that the patenting of lands granted to the Union Pacific was suspended a year ago, and in western Nebraska, northern Colorado, Wyoming and Utah, lists of lands granted to the Union Pacific amounted to 2,800,000 acres, all of which, less 120,000 acres, have long since been sold to third parties; that more than one-half of that sold had been paid for in full in cash and railroad deeds have been issued; that the bal-ance is under contract, one-half of which has already been paid, and that clear title cannot pass until the patents are issued to the company. The resolution directs that the secretary rescind his order and cause

patents to issue without detay. Restriction of Immigration. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The secretary of the national legis'ative committee of the Junior Order of United American Mechanica has been in Washington for several days in the interest of the bills before congress for the restriction of immigration. It is claimed that more petitions have been sent to congress during the present session for the passage of some hill which will restrict im-migration than for any measure ever before congress. It is expected by the secretary that if either of the bills which have been act-the little fellows like them-and so favorably reported by the immigration committee of the house come to a vote they will be passed.

Funding Bill Reported to the Senate WASHINGTON, April 17.—Senator Gear today reported to the senate the Pacific railroad funding bill agreed upon by the sub-committees of the senate and house.

10 Hours Saved.

Cost of the Nicaragua Canal Will Reach the Commission's Figures.

LOOKED CAREFULLY OVER THE GROUND

United States Could Not Hope to Hold that Waterway Against the Naval Strength of Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The Nicaraguan

canal commission, which visited the isthmus last summer, presented some features of its side of the canal question before the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today. Engineer Mordecal T. Endleott. U. S. N., a member of the commission, was the witness. He resented the statements by Hon, Warner Miller and Engineer Menocal of the canal company that the investigations by the commission had been of a cursory nature. The board was in Nicaragua fortytwo days and spent thirty-four days in actual field work. Except in a few important details the plan of Engineer Menocal seemed to Mr. Endicott feasible. While the company's plan contemplated a canal twentyeight feet deep, the commission was convinced that at certain seasons the water would fall to twenty-eight feet unless the lams were built to a greater height

Mr. Endicott was asked if he thought the anal would be a danger to the United States in case of war. He replied that in the event of war with a nation like Great Britain the government would be obliged to abandon the canal, but might solve the problem by blowing up the locks. From a military point of view the canal was desirable.

The present value of all the work done by

the company, Mr. Endicott estimated at half million. Its harbor works at Greytown were bad condition, and not much of value remained. Portions of the work would have to be removed. The company's five dredges were sunk in the harbor and were obsolete His estimate of the value of the company property, when in good condition, was \$1,250,-He did not believe the canal could be

built for \$65,000,000 (the company's estimate) even conceding Mr. Menocal's plans to be feasible. The question being asked whether if the government was willing to pay \$133,000,000 for the canal, it would be advisable to begin work at once, the engineer replied that the government should make more satisfactory surveys and estimates before going forward. It was most important that suffi-cient hydraulic figures be secured, and it was also possible that further investigation would increase estimates of cost. In the afternoon the canal hearings were

continued. Mr. Endicott explained the plans for Ochoo dam and said that the dam would be safe if not used as a weir.

Mr. Noble of Chicago, the civilian membe

of the committee, explained how the commiscion had made up its estimates of the cost of the work by consultation with contractors in the United States accustomed to handle work of the same character. About \$22,000,000 of the additional cost over the com pany's estimates found by the commission was due to the enlargement of the canal which the commission thought necessary Mr. Noble thought the climate of Nicaragus more healthful than that of the Mississipp bottom.

In reply to a question from Chairman Hep burn, Mr. Noble said there had been no cor versation with Nicaraguan officials regarding their willingness to have the United States government assume control of the the western portion; winds shifting to work. With the modifications proposed by the board he had no question that the canal would be a commercial success

AMUSEMENTS.

Stuart Robson opened a short engagement last night at Boyd's, presenting a three-act comedy by F. C. Burnand called "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past" to an audience of fair size. It is borne in upon even the most ardent of Mr. Robson's admirers that this latest vehicle for his peculiar gift of fun-making is in no way werthy of his genius. Conceive a risky French farce, strained through that delicate medium, London Punch, and quality of "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past" will be apparent. Not even Mr. Robson can make it funny. The company, like the star, is to good to waste its sweetness on the desert air of "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past," and curta'n raisers like "Blue Sulphur."

At Creighton hall last night an "at home was given by the Creighton Theater Dramatic "Which is Which?" a comedicta i one act, by S. T. Smith, was remarkably well rendered by the following members o the High school's junior class:

This was fellowed by "Raspberry Shrub

Sec," a character exetch in one act and two scenes, by Frank C. Drake. It was given by the name cast as performed it a short while ago in Creighton theater, and if anything a decided improvement was noted in he interpretation of the parts. The caste was as follows:

Following the two comedies, a dance of a dezen numbers was enjoyed until midright.

Teday Mr. Stuart Robson, the eminent median, will close his present engagement at Boyd's theater by giving two performances
-a matines at 2:30 this afternoon, when the prices will be 75 cents and \$1 on the first floor and 50 cents and 75 cents in the balcony; and the regular evening performance at 8, when the prices will range from \$1.50 The comedy, "Mrs. Ponderbury's Past," will be the bill at both performances

Jolly Nellie McHenry, in her cyclo-comedy, "The Bleycle Girl," a funny conglomeration of humor, judiciously intermingled with pretty dances, catchy songs and original music, proves conclusively that the author has struck the popular fancy, and seems to know what the people want. This popular comedienne and an able company of fun makers comes to Boyd's theater for an en gagement of three days, commencing with a matines Sunday afternoon. The sale of seats will open this morning at 9 o'clock at the regular prices of the house. From present indications Miss McHenry will play to good business. The members of the various wheel clubs of the city will turn out numerously to witness Miss McHenry's performance on Monday night.

The Epworth league of Trinity Methodist church gave a musical enterta'oment at the church last evening, which packed the auditorium to the doors. It was an Easter celebration. "Hesanca," sung by the North Omaha Choral society, "Tis Midnight," by Mr. Higgins and Miss Roeder, with chorus. and the trin selection, composed of Misses Wedge, Chamberlain and Tuttle, were well received. The "Trial and Rejection," of which Miss Roeder, Mr. Higgins and Miss received. Campleo sang solo parts, with chorus, was one of the best features of the evening "The Crucifixion" was excellently rendered by Miss Wedge, with a responsive chorus by the North Omaha Choral society. The by the North Dinaia Caoral society. The second portion of the program consisted of "The Resurrection," sung by the choral society, with solo parts by Misses Wedge. Ivans, Chamberlain, and Mrs. Schram, and Mesers, Bradley, Prince and Moore

The Creighton offers "The Old Lime Kiln" for the first four nights of the coming week opening with the usual matines tomorrow This production is the latest emanation from the pen of C. T. Dazey, whose successful play, "In Old Kentucky." has been one of the greatest popular successes of recent years. The company presenting "The Old Lime Kiln" is headed by the well known comedienne, Katle Putnam, who has appeared

here frequently with other attractions. A feature of the production will be the elaborate scenic investiture, many of the natural beauties of Yellowstone National park being

The engagement of Nellie McHenry in her new farce, "The Bicycle Girl," will begin at Boyd's with a popular price matines on Sunday afternoon and continue until Tuesday "The Bicycle Girl," will begin at

night. Seats are now on sale.

Youch for Mosbey. LINCOLN, April 16,-To the Editor of The Bea: We, the undersigned, cheerfully vouch for the general reputation for truth and veracity of Comrade J. W. Mosbey of the Soldiers' and 'Sailors' Home, Milford, Neb. We, furthermore, believe that he is actuated by the best of motives in seeking to alleviate the condition of the sick in mates at the home, and do, ourselves, testif: to the fact that the facilities for the con fort of bedridden patients and others are far from the best, and that much might be

done in the way of improvement JOHN RESH. J. M. WAGONER.

Western Patents Granted. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- (Special.) -- Patents have been issued as follows: Nebrasko-Thomas Dowd, Omaha, sanding box: Stepher W. Keedle, and others, Lincoln, elgar mold; George C. Philips, Kimball, reel carrier.

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flashing; Revel B. Franklin, Fort Madison,
corn cutter and shocker; Thomas B. Ellis,
Jefferson, wrench; Christian M. Hillebrand, Le Mars, sawing machine; William S. Martin, Des Moines county, mechanical whip.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

J. E. Boyd is in Chicago.

A. D. Clark of Deadwood is among the notel arrivals Miss Henriotta Vaders, New York City, is Barker guest. Scentor Thurston and Mrs. Thurston have

cone to Washington. C. W. Clabaugh left for Chicago and castern points last night. Mrs. Yates, wife of C. E. Yates of L'ocoln

s visiting friends in the city, Mrs. M. M. Frey, New York City, is stopping at the Barker for a few weeks. S. M. McConnell and Mrs. McConnell of Chicago are guests at one of the hotels The Katie Putman company, enroute to Sloux City, stopped at the Barker yester-

Eleven members of Stuart Robson's com any are making the Barker their headquarters.

C. H. Wanner of the Rock Island has gone Chicago, to return with his wife, who is risiting relatives there. Miss Carrie Ratelffe, Miss E. Irving, Miss Campbell, are ladies registered at the

Barker from New York. J. W. Sprague and E. J. Stearns, accompanied by their wives, left for Salt Lake City yesterday on a short pleasure trip. Nebraskans at the hotels are: W. Miller, Nellsh; Ben L. Familton, Gothenburg; John W. Tremplin, St. Paul; P. C. Erickson, Brew-ster; J. S. Adams, Geona; E. Baldwin, Lex-

Ington . W. H. Skinner, Nebraska City: Sanford Parke, Spencer; George A. Mead, Fre nont; J. W. Lash, Auburn; George Elliott Valentine; H. H. Wallace, Tekamah; P. J Rooney, Bayton; Robert Byers, Holdrege.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Rain or Snow in Western Nebraska and Colder in the Eastern Portion. WASHINGTON, April 17 .- The forecast for Saturday is: For Nebraska-Rain or probably snow in

northerly; colder in the eastern portion. For Oklahoma and Indian Territory-Fair; cooler Saturday night; winds shifting o westerly. For Missouri-Cloudy, with rains; cooler; outherly winds, becoming variable.
For lowa—Threatening weather and rain;
older; southerly winds, shifting to northy. For Kansas-Threatening and rain; winds For Kansas—Threatening and rain; winds shifting to northerly and cooler.

For South Dakota—Threatening weather, with snow or rain; northerly winds; warmer in the western portion.

For Colorado—Snow, followed by clearing weather; continued cold; northerly winds.

For Wyoming—Light snows, followed by clearing weather; warmer by Saturday evening; northerly winds.

For Montana—Generally fair; warmer; winds shifting to southerly.

winds shifting to southerly Local Record. OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU OMAHA, April 17.—Omaha record of tem perature and rainfall compared with the corresponding day of the past four years:

ormal temperature coess for the dayecumulated deficiency since March 1. Reports from Stations at S p. m.

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T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Observer.

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ical ills, which vanish before proper efforts-gentle efforts-pleasant efforts-rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, prompt-ly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you pur chase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the Cali-fornia Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

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ing at the Currency Question. Public interest for months past has been steadily concentrated upon our national currency. Parties are divided on the question. Men are worked up over it. It means &

great deal for the welfare of millions. There is one way of looking at the quesion that seems to have been lost sight of. Is it not better to have fifty dollars in gold than five dollars in sliver? And yet there we many people who are practically throwng away large amounts and holding on to the smaller amount. Many people who might be earning ten times as much as they do fail because they lack health and nergy. Health and strength represent a greater value than gold, and yet many peo-ple put up with a run down system, which steals away half their working power. Eventually they lose by sickness and medi-cal expense and their families suffer, when might all readily be avoided. These are hard times. Th

These are hard times. Thousands suc-cumbing to the strains of life. Ill-health is the rule and not the exception. People ed their best strength and energy all the while. Health, which is more valuable than gold, can be maintained and even secured when it is lost if the proper care and right remedy are used. And we do not hesitate to say that there are but few men or women who read these words that cannot be in perfect condition by the use of that great, that grand discovery, "Warner's Sale Cure. This entire paper could be filled with testimonials from the grateful ones whose lives have been saved and whose health restored by its use; and if you, reader, are a sufferer, you may readily be among the number. We earnestly recommend you to think seriously upon this subject. great, that grand discovery, "Warner's Safe

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